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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

Polish Patent Document No. 85537 relates to a paper machine for the production of filter board, consisting of an inlet and a wire section that is equipped with a blow-through device located above the wire and elements located below the wire for discharging the water-air mixture from the press and dryer components, designed in such a way that an air press consisting of two double rolls is located behind the wire section, with the diameters of the one double roll being different from that of the other one and each roll touching both neighboring rolls of the other pair so that a blowing air chamber is created between them, and drum dryers being located at the end of the paper machine, of which three of them -equipped with air blowing chambers and perforated rolls which also house the suction boxes-would be advantageous.

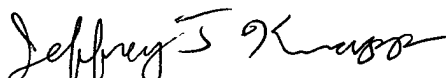
Polish Patent Document No. 141 560 relates to a paper machine for the production of filter paper and board made of hydrophobic fibers, consisting of an inlet located above the wire section and equipped with an inclined wire with suction boxes inside, a dewatering unit as well as a web conveying device and designed in such a way that the dewatering unit is equipped with two wires for providing guidance for the web, with the top wire being equipped with a perforated roll in that place where it touches the bottom wire and with air-blowing chambers being installed in the top wire, each

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of them connected with a source of compressed air, of which each of them creates a higher pressure than the previous source.

A copy of each of these documents can be found in the parent application, i.e., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/409,289.

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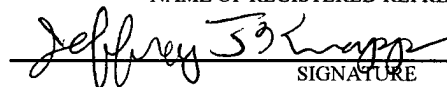
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